

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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30. A method for exchanging data between a sender and a receiver,  
said method comprising:

generating a first schedule at the sender for sending data to the receiver;

generating a second schedule at the receiver for receiving data from the  
sender, the second schedule being generated as a function of the first schedule to cause a  
predetermined probability of failure; and

upon detecting a failure, generating an event at the receiver.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein data from the sender not being  
received at the receiver a predetermined number of times constitutes a failure.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein said step of generating a second  
schedule includes establishing at least one expectation window for receiving data from  
the sender.

33. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable  
instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 30.

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